

Husband's Name: **JÁNOS PÉTER UNTENER**

Baptized:	25 August 1794	Hosszú-Láz, Zemplén Megye, Hungary
Married:	25 May 1854	Hosszú-Láz, Zemplén Megye, Hungary
Died:	2 April 1856	Hosszú-Láz, Zemplén Megye, Hungary
Buried:	<i>Hosszú-Láz temető</i>	

Father: JÓZSEF UNTENER
Mother: KATARINA PIRÓK

Wife's Name: **ANNA TAJEM**

Born:	1810	Zemplén Megye, Hungary
Died:		
Buried:		

Father:
Mother:

Issue:	Born:	Where:
1. ANNA UNTENER	15 November 1856	Nagy-Toronya, Zemplén Megye

They were married late in life: JÁNOS reported his age as 60 years old (giving us a 1794 year of birth) and ANNA as 44 (giving us 1810 for her year of birth) when they married; both were residents of Hosszú-Láz. Marriage registers at this time usually stated whether the bride or groom had been married previously or if either one was widowed; their entry is silent on both counts. In addition, a date of marriage was often noted next to baptismal register entries and, indeed, next to the entry for JÁNOS is found a notation stating was married on 29 June 1854; the actual date is believed to be 25 May 1854 but that could be the date the license to marry was issued. If there had been an earlier marriage, we would expect to find a similar notation referencing that event. Witnesses were MIHALY UNTENER and MIHALY ZAMBA. Relationships are not known but a MIHALY ZAMBA was married to a MARIA UNTENER. Perhaps MIHALY UNTENER was his brother and, if MARIA his sister, then MIHALY ZAMBA was a brother-in-law.

JÁNOS died on 2 April 1856. The death register gives his age as 68 years old though he was only 62. He was buried in the cemetery in Hosszú-Láz on 4 April 1856. A MIHALY UNTENER died 13 June 1856 but it is not known if this was the witness of their wedding, his brother, both or neither

ANNA was pregnant with their first and only child when her husband died. In the following November, ANNA was born in house number 17 in Nagy-Toronya. It is not known if ANNA, the mother, was there just for the birth or if she had moved there. The register is written in Latin with the father listed as JOAN UNTENER and mother as ANNA

TEIM. Oddly, there is no mention that JÁNOS was dead. Nagy-Toronya is a small town (1869 population was 760) whose name means Large or Great Tower. In the 19th century the approximately 1,200 acre village became the property of the noble SZÉCHY family. It is a few miles northeast of Hosszú-Láz on the east side of the Ronyva Creek. That creek became the border between Hungary and the Slovakia after the First World War. Nagy-Toronya has been renamed Veľke-Tŕňa (which means the same thing, just in the Slovak language) and is in the Trebišov okres (district) of the Košický kraj (region).

The 1869 census of Hosszú-Láz did not have any listings that could be identified as being ANNA (TAJEM) UNTENER.¹

Issue:

1. ANNA UNTENER: baptized by CAROLUS KOVACH on 16 November 1856. Sponsors were MIJALY UNTENER and JULIAN DAVID. She married JÁNOS SCHMID. (continued in separate file)

Discussion

Despite there being no mention of an earlier marriage for JÁNOS PÉTER UNTENER it does not preclude one. In the course of examining the civil and church registers in detail to see if such a marriage was recorded I was able to establish the existence of several families with a JÁNOS UNTENER as the husband but only three in the early 19th century and none in the late 18th; unfortunately I was able to discount each one as being our ancestor **JÁNOS PÉTER UNTENER**. Those families are:

JÁNOS UNTENER and MARIA JURKO: JÁNOS was baptized 5 April 1816. They had four known children between 1845 and 1855. JÁNOS, who is definitely identified as being the husband of MARIA JURKO, died on 19 April 1860.

JÁNOS UNTENER and MARIA DEMETER: JÁNOS was born around 1813. They had five children between 1842 and 1853. JÁNOS, who is definitely identified as being the husband of MARIA DEMETER, died in 1889.

JÁNOS UNTENER, JUNIOR and MARIA KOLOGYI: JÁNOS was born around 1822. They had five children between 1844 and 1855. JÁNOS, who is definitely identified as being the husband of MARIA KOLOGYI, died in on 24 December 1857.

¹ 1869 Census of Hungary, Zemplén Co., "Hoporty to Hrubá," Hosszu-Laz, Entry No. 9. (LDS film 722709)